



**General Issues Committee
MINUTES
9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 22, 2011
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: Deputy Mayor J. Farr (Chair)
Mayor B. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, L. Ferguson,
T. Jackson, B. Johnson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, J. Partridge,
R. Pasuta, M. Pearson, R. Powers, T. Whitehead

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor B. Morelli – Bereavement

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
T. McCabe, General Manager, Economic Development &
Planning
J. A. Priel, General Manager, Social & Community Services
H. Hale Tomasik, Executive Director, Human Resources &
Organizational Development
D. Cunliffe, Director, Fire Operations/Deputy Chief, HES
B. Browett, Director, EMS/Deputy, HES
P. Barkwell, City Solicitor
A. Zuidema, Director, Corporate Initiatives
N. Everson, Director, Economic Development & Real Estate
C. Biggs, Co-ordinator, Committee Services/Council/Budgets

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR
CONSIDERATION:**

- 1. Report of the 2010 Remuneration and Expenses as required under Section 284 of the Municipal Act (FCS11021) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

(Pearson/Clark)

That Report FCS11021 respecting Report of the 2010 Remuneration and Expenses as required under Section 284 of the Municipal Act, be received.

CARRIED

2. **Waterdown Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Board of Management Resignation (PED11013(a)) (Ward 15) (Item 5.4)**

(Pearson/Clark)

That Report PED11013(a) respecting Waterdown Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Board of Management Resignation, be received. **CARRIED**

3. **King Street West Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Appointment of the 2011-2014 (PED11036) (Ward 2) (Item 5.5)**

(Pearson/Clark)

That the following individuals be appointed to the King Street West B.I.A.'s Board of Management for a four (4) year term:

Councillor J. Farr, Ward 2
Erik Hess
Neil Corby
Diego Almonte

CARRIED

4. **King Street West Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) – Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payment for 2011 (PED11037) (Ward 2) (Item 5.6)**

(Pearson/Clark)

- (a) That the 2011 Operating Budget for the King Street West B.I.A. (attached as Appendix 'A' to Report PED11037) be approved in the amount of \$15,500.00.
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the King Street West B.I.A. in the amount of \$4,500.00 be approved.
- (c) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be hereby authorized and directed to prepare the requisite by-law pursuant to Section 208, The Municipal Act, 2001, to levy the 2011 Budget as referenced in sub-section (b) above.
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2011 be approved:

May	\$2,250.00
June	\$2,250.00

Note: Assessment appeals may be deducted from the levy payments.

CARRIED

5. **Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) Surplus Land – Project 8093 – Located at 1831 Rymal Road East/99 Highland Road West, described as Part of Lots 33 and 34, Concession 8, Former Township of Saltfleet, now City of Hamilton (PED11039) (Ward 9) (Item 5.7)**

(Pearson/Clark)

- (a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development and Real Estate Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) that the City of Hamilton has no interest in acquiring their land located at 1831 Rymal Road East/99 Highland Road West, legally described Part of Lots 33 and 34, Concession 8, in the former Township of Saltfleet, now City of Hamilton, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED11039;
- (b) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development and Real Estate Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the ORC of the City of Hamilton requirements to the development of the site as contained in the “Relevant Consultation” Section of Report PED11039. **CARRIED**

6. **Acquisition of Part of 1389 Wilson Street West, Ancaster, from Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure (PED11043) (Ward 12) (Item 5.8)**

(Pearson/Clark)

- (a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development and Real Estate Division be authorized and directed to submit an Offer to Purchase in the amount of \$610,000, to Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure, those lands described as Part Lot 33, Concession 3, in the former Town of Ancaster now in the City of Hamilton, having an area of 0.93 hectares (2.31 acres) more or less, and being part of PIN 17418-0068, known municipally as 1389 Wilson Street West, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED11043;
- (b) That subject to approval of Recommendation (a), the total acquisition costs in the amount of \$610,000 (including purchase price, Legal fees, Real Estate and appraisal costs) be charged to Capital Project ID 59259-5180880681;
- (c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (d) That the costs incurred for the provision of Real Estate’s service in the amount of \$19,520, be credited to Account 45408-3560150200 (Property Purchases and Sales) and debited from Project ID 59259-5180880681.

CARRIED

7. Hamilton Downtown Office Tenancy Assistance Program – 1 James Street South – OTAP10/01 (PED11050) (Ward 2) (Item 5.9)

(Pearson/Clark)

- (a) That a loan commitment totaling \$69,275 for leasehold improvements at 1 James Street South, be approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Downtown Office Tenancy Assistance Program;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the loan agreement and security documentation with respect to sub-section (a) above in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to amend the loan agreement as required provided that the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Downtown Office Tenancy Assistance Program as approved by City Council are maintained.

CARRIED

8. Hamilton Downtown Office Tenancy Assistance Program – 354-368 King Street West – OTAP10/02 (PED11051) (Ward 1) (Item 5.10)

(Pearson/Clark)

- (a) That a loan commitment totalling \$150,000 for leasehold improvements at 354-368 King Street West, be approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Downtown Office Tenancy Assistance Program;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the loan agreement and security documentation with respect to sub-section (a) above in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to amend the loan agreement as required provided that the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Downtown Office Tenancy Assistance Program as approved by City Council are maintained.

CARRIED

9. Hamilton Downtown Property Improvement Grant Program – 130-134 Wellington Street North – HDPIGP11/01 (PED11054) (Ward 3) (Item 5.11)

(Pearson/Clark)

- (a) That a grant in the estimated amount of \$37,558 under the Hamilton Downtown Property Improvement Grant Program (HDPIGP) for 1655244 Ontario Inc., owner of the property at 130-134 Wellington Street North be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Program.
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Grant Agreement attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED11054, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor. **CARRIED**

10. Declaration of Surplus and Sale of Part of 306 Woodworth Drive, Ancaster, to Benemar Construction Inc. (Mark and Robert DeBenedictus) (PED11056) (Ward 12) (Item 5.12)

(Pearson/Clark)

- (a) That the subject land, being a portion of 306 Woodworth Drive in the former Village of Ancaster and described as Parts 4 and 5 on Plan 62R-18331, comprising an area of 7,820 square metres (1.93 acres) more or less, forming part of PIN 17436-0151 (LT) and part of PIN 17436-0137 (LT), and part of Roll No. 250310011017400 (as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED11056) be declared surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton in accordance with the Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land, By-law 04-299;
- (b) That an Offer to Purchase executed by Benemar Construction Inc., on February 4, 2011, and scheduled to close on or before June 15, 2011, for the lands described in recommendation (a) be approved and completed, subject to the conditions described in recommendation (e) and the sale proceeds of \$1,668,070 be credited to Grange School Project ID 47702-4400556595; minus the administrative, legal and advertising expenses in the amount of \$70,337 to be deposited into account 45408-3560150200; and that demolition costs in the amount of \$80,000 be charged to Grange School Project ID 4400556595. Furthermore, the net sale proceeds after disbursements are to be transferred from Grange School Project ID 4400556595 and credited to the Ancaster Capital Reserve - Account No. 108030;
- (c) That the required deposit cheque in the amount of \$166,807, being 10% of the purchase price, be held by the General Manager of Finance pending acceptance of this transaction;

- (d) That the sale price of \$1,668,070 does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST); should the HST be applicable and collected by the City, that the HST amount be credited to Account No. 22828 009000 (HST Payable);
- (e) That the sale is subject to the following conditions included in the Offer to Purchase Part of 306 Woodworth Drive;
 - (i) This Offer to Purchase shall be conditional for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of acceptance of this Offer to Purchase by the City ("the Conditional Period"), to allow the Purchaser to enter upon the subject lands for the purposes of carrying out physical and environmental inspections (hereinafter the "Environmental Assessment"), investigations and testing pursuant to the Authority to Enter provided by the City to the Purchaser, which Authority to Enter is attached as Schedule "C". An executed copy of Authority to enter shall be delivered to the City concurrently with the delivery to the Purchaser of an executed copy of this Agreement;
 - (ii) It is further understood and agreed by the Purchaser that in the event the City grants the Purchaser's request to extend the conditional period for a further 60 days, the closing date of this transaction will automatically be extended by 60 days;
 - (iii) The Transferee shall apply for and receive final approval of a site plan and draft plan of condominium in accordance with the desired design concept herein attached as Schedule "B", for the said land with the City of Hamilton, if required by the City of Hamilton, at its own cost;
 - (iv) The Transferee shall commence construction of a building(s) by not later than twelve (12) months from the Closing Date, subject to force majeure and delays attributable to the Transferor. Construction is considered commenced when the foundations have been installed as determined by the City of Hamilton Building Services Division;
 - (v) The Transferee shall complete construction of the said building(s) not later than two (2) years from the Closing Date subject to force majeure and delays attributable to the Transferor. The building(s) are considered completed upon the satisfactory final inspection by the City of Hamilton Building Services Division;
- (f) That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized and directed to execute and issue a Certificate of Compliance in the form prescribed pursuant to Section 268 of the Municipal Act, if required, incorporating the following:

- (i) That as required by Section 3 (a) of By-Law 04-299, the subject lands be declared surplus by inclusion in this Report to City Council;
- (ii) An internal appraisal of the fair market value of the real property intended to be sold was completed on December 8, 2010 and the sale price falls in the range of value of the appraisal;
- (iii) That in accordance with the approved method of providing notice in the City of Hamilton By-Law No. 04-299 "Procedural By-Law for the Sale of Land", Section 12 (a) (1) by publication of the notice in a newspaper having general circulation within the municipality in which the land is located, Section 12 (a) (3) by posting a "For Sale" sign on the land proposed to be sold, and Section 12 (a)(6), notice to the public of the proposed sale of land is given by inclusion of the recommendation by City Council to approve the sale of surplus lands. **CARRIED**

11. Presentation from Deb Murphy, Glanbrook Wind Action Group, respecting Wind Turbines (Item 6.2)

(Pearson/Johnson)

- (a) That the presentation by Deb Murphy on behalf of the Glanbrook Wind Action Group, be received. **CARRIED**

(Johnson/Powers)

- (b) That this matter be referred to the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee for their comments and that their comments be brought back to the General Issues Committee at the same time that Public Health will be presenting their report, **CARRIED**

(Clark/Johnson)

- (c) That staff be directed to report back on possible judicial review or other legal options of the Green Energy Act and the loss of the City's planning authority and seek friends of the court to share costs and report back. **CARRIED**

12. Tourism Hamilton 2011-2014 Strategic Plan (PED11048) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Powers/Pearson)

- (a) That Report PED11048 respecting Tourism Hamilton's Draft 2011-2014 Strategic Plan, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED11048, be received;

- (b) That any input, comments or requests for changes by Council to the Draft Strategic Plan be forwarded to the Tourism Hamilton Board of Directors prior to its consideration for final adoption
- (c) That staff be directed to co-ordinate a workshop with all members of Council which would include a full discussion of Tourism Hamilton's 10-year history, an overview of Tourism Hamilton's mandate, review of its governance model (self-appointed Board), private-sector funding, etc.

CARRIED as amended

13. Tourism Hamilton 2011 Marketing Plan (PED11049) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Pearson/Pasuta)

That Report PED11049 respecting Tourism Hamilton's 2011 Marketing Plan, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED11049, be received. **CARRIED**

14. Downtown and Community Renewal Division 2010 Annual Report (PED11060) (Wards 1 to 4, 6 to 9, 11 to 13 and 15) (Item 7.3)

(Pearson/Pasuta)

That Report PED11060, respecting the Downtown and Community Renewal Division 2010 Annual Report, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED11060, be received for information. **CARRIED**

15. 2010 Economic Development and Real Estate Highlights (PED11061) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)

(Collins/Merulla)

That Report PED11061 respecting 2010 Economic Development and Real Estate Highlights be received. **CARRIED**

16. 2010 Annual Performance Measures (PED11038) (City Wide) (Item 7.5)

(Duvall/Whitehead)

That Report PED11038 respecting Economic Development Performance Measures for 2009 be received. **CARRIED**

**17. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Integrated Standard
(Item 7.6)**

(Pearson/Partridge)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton's comments submitted to the Province with respect to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Integrated Accessibility Standard be confirmed;
- (b) That the issue of the cost implications resulting from the Integrated Accessibility Standard be referred to the Fairness to Hamilton Committee for further consideration. **CARRIED**

18. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 11-001 – February 8, 2011 (Item 8.3)

(a) Accessible Social Housing Initiative (Item 5.4(i))

(Merulla/Duvall)

- (i) That ACPD recommend to Council that the Social Housing and Homelessness Division prepare a progress report regarding how they have implemented the minimum of 5% accessible units for newly built and renovated housing projects including the details of how the City's internal processes are being communicated in the Requests For Proposals and Tenders for retrofits, renovations and new construction projects to housing providers;
- (ii) That Social Housing and Homelessness Division provide a detailed list of all contracts awarded to proponents and housing providers who are retrofitting, renovating and constructing new housing since April 2010 and indicating which of these projects have included accessibility features in their proposals. **CARRIED**

**(b) Ontario Human Rights Commission – Mental Health Consultations
(Item 6.7)**

(Pearson/Jackson)

That the City of Hamilton send a letter inviting the Ontario Human Rights Commission to hold consultations in the City of Hamilton on Human Rights and Mental Health Issues. **CARRIED**

19. Increasing Membership on the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee (Item 9.2)

(Collins/Whitehead)

- (a) That the composition of the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee, approved by Council as Item 7.1 on June 25, 2008, be amended by increasing the membership from four to six members;
- (b) That Councillors C. Collins and T. Whitehead be appointed to serve on the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee for the balance of the current term of Council. **CARRIED as amended**

20. Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors Report 11-001 – March 16, 2011 (Added Item 8.4)

(a) Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice Outstanding Loan (FCS10092(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Duvall/Clark)

- (i) That the outstanding loan to the Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice Foundation Inc. in the amount of \$1,500,000 be converted to an Interest-Free Forgivable Loan;
- (ii) That the Interest-Free Forgivable Loan be secured by the City with a first mortgage registered against the Hospice's property at 277 Stone Church Road East;
- (iii) That the Interest-Free Forgivable Loan be for a term of 20 years;
- (iv) That the City enter into a Forgivable Loan Agreement with the Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice Foundation Inc. on the terms set out in Report FCS10092(a), attached hereto as Appendix A, and satisfactory to the General Manager, Corporate Services and the City Solicitor;
- (v) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the said Forgivable Loan Agreement. **CARRIED**

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

(i) ADDED REPORT

- (aa) Report 11-001 of the Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors – March 16, 2011 (Added as Item 8.4)

(ii) REVISED MOTION

- (bb) Revised Motion 9.2 – Increasing Membership on the Non- Union Compensation Sub-Committee

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

(Johnson/Collins)

That the Minutes of the February 14 regular and February 24 and 28, 2011 special meetings of the General Issues Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(Powers/Merulla)

That the delegation request from Dave Barnett respecting “the apparent lack of progress in moving Hamilton away from being one of the worst places to raise a child as outlined during my last presentation” not be approved.

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT AGENDA

(i) Minutes of Various Sub-Committees (Item 5.1)

(Pearson/Clark)

That the following Minutes be received for information:

- (aa) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – January 11, 2011 (Item 5.1)
- (bb) Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report PSB 11-001 (Item 5.2(a))

(cc) Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report PSB 11-021 (Item 5.2(b))

CARRIED

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Belma Diamante, on behalf of the Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble, respecting service and costs at Hamilton Place (Item 6.1)

Presentation postponed to May 9, 2011

(ii) Deb Murphy, Glanbrook Wind Action Group, to appear before the Committee to request a moratorium on the erection of industrial wind turbine farms (Item 6.2)

Deb Murphy, on behalf of Glanbrook Wind Action Group, provided a power point presentation which included:

- What we are not – not politically motivated; not pro-coal or pro-nuclear; not anti-wind turbine
- What we are – anti-putting turbines too close to homes
- Current setback of 550m has negative impact on health and value of homes
- Goal/resolution is an immediate moratorium and more health studies
- Green Energy Act – Effect of Designation
- Map outlining Niagara Region Wind Project and IPC Energy HAF Project
- How many turbines? HAF Project: 10 MW; 5 IWT's; HRWF: 230 MW; 1st 31
- Wind turbines are not cute little windmills; they are industrial machines
- Vesta V100 – 1.8MW; hub height 95m; rotator diameter 100m; blade length 49m
- Health issues include noise – audible infrasound (cannot hear it, cannot shut it out; permeates normal wood frame/glass construction)
- Victim Statements, WCO Survey – symptoms disappear when victims leave their homes
- Impact on real estate market – land value findings – days on market more than double; “sold price” on average is \$48,000 lower; number of homes not sold 11% vs 3%
- Request support for moratorium on the construction of additional wind turbines
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A copy of the power point presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

Councillor Powers indicated that he will bring this matter to the attention of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario once Council has adopted a position on this issue.

See Item 11 for the disposition of this item.

(iii) Gerard Murphy and Kathy Drewitt, Chairman and Executive Director respectively of the Downtown Hamilton B.I.A. respecting plans for a pilot project for pedestrianizing the south leg of King Street and Gore Park this summer (Item 6.3)

Gerard Murphy and Kathy Drewitt appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Downtown Hamilton B.I.A. The presentation included the following:

- Downtown Hamilton B.I.A. is made up of 485 businesses and 179 property owners located between MacNab and Mary, from Hunter to Rebecca
- Board is made up of 11 elected volunteers as well as Council representative
- B.I.A. proposal: Gore Park Promenade this summer
- Downtown B.I.A. wants to be the City's partner in organizing a free summer program in Gore Park which would include outdoor patios, buskers, musicians, street vendors, local artisans, local farm products, bakery and flower products, children's programs, etc.
- Downtown B.I.A. has already branded the program; purchased amenities to be placed in the park; is seeking local vendors and entertainers
- Acknowledged Council's decision to remove \$200,000 from the 2011 capital budget for this program; hope Council will fund this in 2012
- Specific requests: use of the park for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from mid June to mid September at no charge; City continue to clean the park with existing compliment of street cleaning staff; City waive the \$100 zoning fee for each booth; City streamline the licensing and health permits to accommodate vendors in the park over the summer by directing staff to work with the B.I.A. to make this happen.

Scott Rastin of the Hamilton Police Service spoke in support of the work that has been done by the Downtown Hamilton B.I.A. and reported that positive comments have been received from the downtown business owners.

A copy of the power point presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

(Bratina/Whitehead)

- (a) That the presentation be received;
- (b) That staff be directed to come back with a recommendation on the following requests of the Downtown B.I.A.:
 - (i) Provide use of park at no charge
 - (ii) Waive the \$100 zoning fee
 - (iii) Use existing full-time and summer staff to clean park
 - (iv) Streamline the licensing and health permits to accommodate vendors.

CARRIED

(iv) Jan Nichols and Beth Ellis, Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice (Requested to appear by the General Issues Committee)

Jan Nichols and Beth Ellis, Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice were in attendance to respond to questions of the Committee with respect to the outstanding loan.

See Item 20 for the disposition of this item.

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) Tourism Hamilton 2011-2014 Strategic Plan (PED11048) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

David Adames, Executive Director of Tourism Hamilton, provided a power point presentation which included information on the following:

- Overview of Tourism Hamilton's mandate and Vision and Mission Statements
- Highlights from the 2008-2010 Plan
 - Focus One: to develop and undertake a sales and marketing strategy that supports industry development
 - Focus Two: to create tourism industry development initiatives
 - Focus Three: to develop an organizational capacity plan for Tourism Hamilton
- Impact of Tourism in Hamilton
- Strategic Plan for 2011-2014
 - Link to City's Strategic Plan and Planning and Economic Development Plan
 - Overall objective to the Plan: to grow tourism receipts in Hamilton
 - Services Tourism Hamilton provides
- Pillar: work collaboratively to build industry capacity and deliver economic growth
- Pillar: set standards for success to become more competitive

- Pillar: invest in product development and innovation to attract and retain investment
- Pillar: partner and visitor growth – reach out to align public and private sector goals and create innovative customer-focused marketing strategies that will increase tourism receipts

A copy of the power point presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

(Jackson/Collins)

That the following be added as sub-section (c):

- “(c) That staff be directed to co-ordinate a workshop with all members of Council which would include a full discussion of Tourism Hamilton’s 10-year history, an overview of Tourism Hamilton’s mandate, review of its governance model (self-appointed Board), private-sector funding, etc.”

**Amendment CARRIED
Motion as amended CARRIED**

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the Committee recess from 12:40 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch break.

CARRIED

**(ii) Tourism Hamilton 2011 Marketing Plan (PED11049) (City Wide)
(Item 7.2)**

David Adames, Executive Director of Tourism Hamilton, provided a power point presentation which included information on the following:

- Background on Tourism Hamilton
- What is a DMO (destination management/marketing organization)
- Review/highlights of 2010 Marketing Plan, including development of new web site and micro-sites; securing 2011 Ontario Tourism Summit; confirmation of 2012 Canadian Open Championship; hosting 12th Annual Tourism Awards; working with Regional Tourism Organization; meetings and conventions; sports events; leisure tourism; interactive strategy; visitor services
- Overview of 2011 Marketing Plan, including process to create marketing plan; tourism partner relations; interactive strategy; convention sales and servicing; sport tourism; leisure marketing; visitor services

A copy of the power point presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

(Partridge/Johnson)

That the presentation respecting the Tourism Hamilton 2011 Marketing Plan be received. **CARRIED**

(iii) Downtown and Community Renewal Division 2010 Annual Report (PED11060) (Wards 1 to 4, 6 to 9, 11 to 13 and 15) (Item 7.3)

Staff from the Downtown and Community Renewal Division, provided a power point presentation to the Committee which included information on the following:

Glen Norton, Acting Director

- 2010 Activity – Total construction value 2001 to 2010; 2010 Community Downtowns Construction Values

Alan Waterfield, Senior Planner, Downtown Renewal

- Results of downtown employment survey; downtown vacancy indicators

Hazel Milsome, Co-ordinator, Downtown Municipal Incentives

- Programs – Downtown/BIA Incentive Programs; Hamilton Downtown Property Improvement Grant and Multi-Residential Property Investment Programs; Hamilton Downtown Property Improvement Grant Program; Hamilton Downtown Multi-residential Property Investment Program Status; Downtown Hamilton CIPA; Office Tenancy Assistance Program; Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program (CPIG) Payments; 2010 CPIG Applications; Commercial Corridor Housing Loan and Grant Program; Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program
- Business Improvement Areas – 2005 commercial market assessments updated for Barton Village, Downtown Hamilton, International Village and Stoney Creek BIA's; Westdale BIA gateway fabrication is underway; Barton Village BIA gateway design and location finalized
- Landscape projects – Stoney Creek parkette to working drawings; Binbrook Community Parkette design concepts
- Other initiatives
- Committees/Task Forces

A copy of the power point presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

(Pearson/Pasuta)

That the presentation respecting the Downtown and Community Renewal Division 2010 Annual Report be received. **CARRIED**

(iv) 2010 Economic Development and Real Estate Highlights (PED11061) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)

Neil Everson, Director of Economic Development and Real Estate, provided a power point presentation which included information on the following:

- How did Hamilton perform in 2010, which included “not so good news”, 2010 unemployment rates; 2010 unemployment rate comparators, Hamilton CMA labour market; 2010 growth and vacancy rates; 2010 building permits; economic growth in Hamilton; non-residential permits; building permits and assessment growth; residential vs non-residential comparisons; 2010 building permit comparison for residential, industrial, commercial, institutional, miscellaneous
- Business attraction and expansion; Small Business Enterprise Centre; Corporate Calling Program; Customer Satisfaction
- 2010 Development Highlights in Hamilton North, Hamilton South, Hamilton East, Hamilton West and Hamilton Downtown
- 2010 Economic Development Revenue and Tax Generation
- 2010 Economic Development Accomplishments
- 2010 Marketing Accomplishments
- 2010 Real Estate Accomplishments
- Reasons for Success – Max Aicher North America (MANA); Canada Bread

A copy of the power point presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

(Pearson/Partridge)

That the presentation respecting the 2010 Economic Development and Real Estate Highlights be received. **CARRIED**

(v) 2010 Annual Performance Measures (PED11038) (City Wide) (Item 7.5)

Neil Everson, Director of Economic Development and Real Estate, provided a power point presentation which included information on the following:

- 2010 Performance Measures – Corporate, Planning and Economic Development; Economic Development and Real Estate; Downtown and Community Renewal
- Building Permits and Assessment Growth
- 2010 Assessment Growth
- 2010 Projects and Initiatives
- 2010 Corporate Measures, Planning and Economic Development Measures

- Shovel Ready Land
- Non-residential permits
- Customer Satisfaction
- 2010 Report to Community
- Positive Media Coverage
- Brownfields Office
- 2010 total businesses – new businesses growth
- 2010 number of new jobs; 2010 small business jobs; Small Business Enterprise Centre; Film Office
- 2010 gross farm receipts
- Hamilton Calling Program
- 2010 Downtown Measures, vacancy rate, residential units; property taxes
- What's next for 2012

Members of the Committee requested an update on where the City should be in 2011 and if the City is on target. Staff responded that they will provide this information.

(Partridge/Johnson)

That the presentation respecting the 2010 Annual Performance Measures be received. **CARRIED**

(vi) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Integrated Standard (Item 7.6)

Jane Lee, Director of Customer Service, Access and Equity, provided a power point presentation which included information on the following:

- Purpose of the AODA in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, S.O. 2005 c.11
- Key Definitions for “barrier”, “disability”
- AODA Regulations
- Integrated Accessibility Standard – General Provisions

Glen Bruneti, Manager, Service Delivery

- Information and Communications Standard

Diana Belaisis, Manager, Employment Services

- Employment Standard/Ability to meet compliance

Paul Thompson, Manager, Accessible Transportation Services

- Transportation Standard: Impacts on Transit Costs – General and Specific; other optional concerns: Transit
- Feedback to the Province

Jane Lee

- Conclusion

Ms. Lee advised the Committee that staff has provided comments to the Province respecting the Standard as the deadline for submission was Friday, March 18.

Committee provided the following comments:

- Requested staff to look at the format of reports to include the costs of AODA implementation in the financial section of reports that deal with policy issues
- Province must develop a funding formula to assist municipalities with the cost
- Support AMO's comments
- Can City take the lead to pursue federal involvement
- Are there any other provinces initiating accessibility legislation

(h) DISCUSSION AGENDA

- (i) One-time Grant to the Regeneration Institute for the Great Lakes for the purpose of Establishing a Storefront Engagement Centre in Downtown Hamilton (PED11059) (Ward 2) (Item 8.1)**

(McHattie/Jackson)

That Report PED11059 respecting One-time Grant to the Regeneration Institute for the Great Lakes for the purpose of Establishing a Storefront Engagement Centre in Downtown Hamilton be tabled.

- (ii) Water and Wastewater Rate Structure Review (FCS11025) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

(McHattie/Jackson)

That sub-section (b), which reads as follows, be deleted:

- "(b) That the total cost of the Water and Wastewater Rate Structure Review with an upset limit of \$70,000, be funded equally from the Waterworks Capital reserve (108015) and the Sanitary Sewer Capital reserve (108005)." **Motion to Delete WITHDRAWN**

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That the recommendations contained in Report FCS11025 respecting the Water and Wastewater Rate Structure Review be tabled in their entirety pending receipt of information respecting implications on the department's work plan. **CARRIED**

Councillor B. McHattie indicated that he wished to be recorded as opposed to the tabling motion.

**(iii) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 11-001
- February 8, 2011 (Item 8.3)**

(aa) Interlocking Brick Replacement Plan (Item 5.4 (ii))

(Jackson/Collins)

That the following recommendation of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be referred to the General Manager of Public Works to look at the feasibility of the request and report back on development a replacement plan.

That ACPD recommend to Council that Public Works develop a replacement plan to remove interlocking bricks that are currently being used in high traffic areas of the City to build sidewalks as they present barriers to accessibility and safety for pedestrians.

CARRIED

(i) MOTIONS

(i) Stormwater Management Plan (Item 9.1)

(Whitehead/Jackson)

That the following Motion be tabled to the April 11, 2011 meeting of the General Issues Committee:

“That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee on the inequity of the stormwater management rate in terms of the larger users eg. Big Box stores, not paying their fair share.”

CARRIED

(ii) Increasing Membership on the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee (Item 9.2)

(Collins/Whitehead)

That the following be added as sub-section (b):

(b) That Councillors C. Collins and T. Whitehead be appointed to serve on the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee for the balance of the current term of Council. **Amendment CARRIED**

Motion as amended CARRIED

(j) ITEMS DEFERRED TO THE APRIL 11, 2011 MEETING OF THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE:

(i) Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors Report 11-001 – March 16, 2011 (Added Item 8.4)

(aa) Hamilton Future Fund Reserve Status and Project Funding as of December 31, 2010 (FCS10069(b)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

That Report FCS10069(b) respecting Hamilton Future Fund Reserve Status and Project Funding as of December, 2010, be received.

(ii) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Outstanding Business List

(aa) That the following items be removed from the Outstanding Business List:

- (i) Moratorium on Nuclear Power Plants
- (ii) City's Policies respecting contracting with parties involved in litigation
- (iii) City-wide Peak Oil Study – Employment Growth District
- (iv) Operational Oversight Committee
- (v) International Year for Culture of Peace
- (vi) Multi-Stakeholder Fundraising Strategy for Flood Victims
- (vii) Specific mandate, governance structure, staffing and financial-legal funding model for a Hamilton Waterfront Development Corporation
- (viii) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 09-007
- (ix) Area Rating Citizens Forum Membership Appointments
- (x) Golden Horseshoe Innovation Centre: Building an Entrepreneurial Community
- (xi) Conservation Authorities – Legislation
- (xii) Wireless Cellular Services and Device Agreements
- (xiii) Greening of municipal parking lots

(bb) That the following items be included in the 2011 budget deliberations:

- (i) Policy for determining transit fares through the setting of a revenue/cost ratio for implementation in the 2011 budget deliberations

- (ii) Transit fare increase policy
- (iii) Affordable transit pass pilot program
- (iv) Theatre Aquarius request for capital funding

(iii) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

- (aa) Closed Session Minutes – February 14 and 24, 2011 (Items 12.1 and 12.2)**
- (bb) Land Acquisition - Provincial Properties bounded by Mary, Rebecca, Wilson and Catharine Streets (PSB 10-039(a)) (Item 12.3)**
- (cc) City Manager Performance Review (Item 12.4)**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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March 22, 2011